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One afternoon, Strawberry Shortcake was shopping at Orange Blossom's store.
"Can you help me find new toys for Pupcake and Custard?" Strawberry asked.
"I know we can find them something berry special!" answered Orange.

As Strawberry was looking at the toys, she noticed some sleeping bags and tents on a nearby table.

"I have a fruitastic idea!" said Strawberry. "Let's go on a camping trip with all our friends!"

"I know just what we need," said Orange.

Strawberry and Orange picked out six sleeping bags, six flashlights, and one big tent.

"We're all set. Now we just need to invite our friends! Let's go find them," said Strawberry.

Strawberry and Orange found their friends sitting outside of Strawberry's café. Mr. Longface Caterpillar was serving them snacks.

"Who wants to go on a camping adventure tonight?" Strawberry asked.

"We do!" exclaimed Raspberry Torte, Blueberry Muffin, Lemon Meringue, and Plum Pudding.

"Mr. Longface, do you want to come, too?" asked Strawberry.

"Thank you, but I can't," he replied. "However, I know you'll have a great time!"

All the girls went home and packed their bags.
Before long, they set off on their camping adventure.

After walking for some time, the girls found a berry nice patch of grass.

"This is the perfect spot!" said Strawberry.

The girls agreed and began to set up their campsite.

Strawberry and Orange collected sticks to make a campfire.
"A fire will keep us warm when the sun goes down," said Orange.

The other girls worked together to set up the tent.

"We are going to be so cozy in here! I can't wait to snuggle into my sleeping bag tonight," said Raspberry.

As the sunlight faded, the friends noticed something berry cool!
"Look! Fireflies are lighting up the sky," said Blueberry.

"How beautiful!" said Strawberry. "It looks just like they're dancing."
"Let's dance, too!" said Plum.
The girls leaped and twirled across the field.

"All of that dancing made me berry hungry," said Lemon.

"I have just the thing—sandwiches from my café!" said Strawberry.

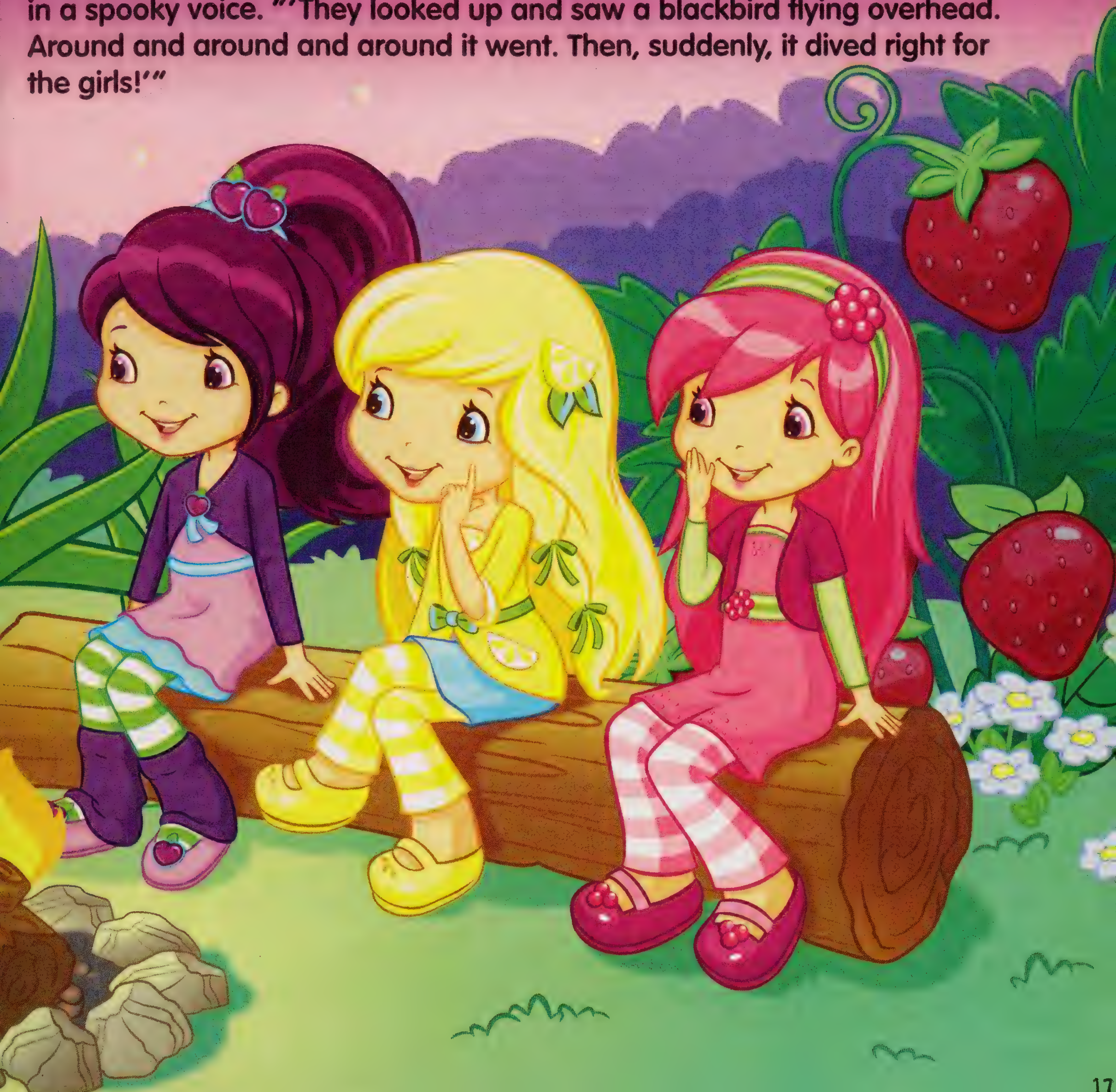
The girls sat around the campfire and snacked on the treats Strawberry had brought.

"What should we do next?" asked Orange.
"It might be fun if I read everyone a spooky story," suggested Blueberry.
Everyone was excited for the story to begin.

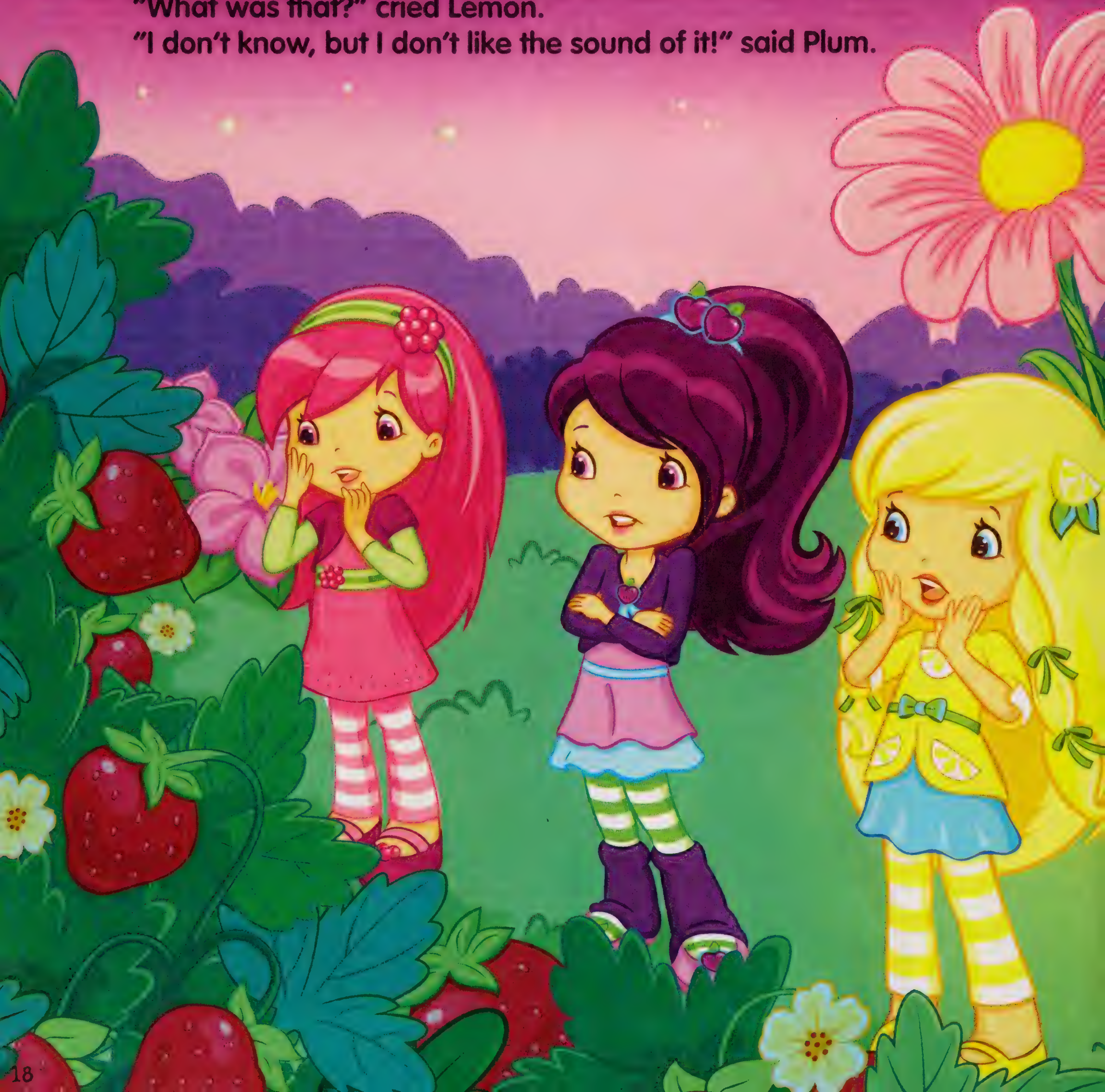
"'On a night just like this, in a grove just like this, six friends set out on an overnight adventure,'" Blueberry began.

"That sounds just like us! I like this story already!" said Raspberry.

"'Once the sun went down, the girls heard a noise,'" said Blueberry in a spooky voice. "'They looked up and saw a blackbird flying overhead. Around and around and around it went. Then, suddenly, it dived right for the girls!'"



Just then, there was a rustling in the bushes nearby.
"What was that?" cried Lemon.
"I don't know, but I don't like the sound of it!" said Plum.



The girls were really scared.

"What if it's a bird coming to get us—like the one from Blueberry's story?" cried Lemon.

"The story is just pretend," said Blueberry.

"But that sound wasn't," said Raspberry.

"I think we'll all feel better if we go see what made that noise," said Strawberry.

Everyone was still scared, but they trusted Strawberry.

The girls slowly walked toward the bushes. They shined their flashlights in front of them.

Strawberry pulled back a branch, and the girls were surprised to see . . .

"Mr. Longface?!" cried Strawberry and her friends.

"Hello there!" he said. "I hope I didn't scare you. I didn't want to miss out on the fun."

"We are berry happy to see you!" cried Plum.
"We thought you were a bird coming to get us!" said Lemon.
But then the girls heard another noise coming from the bushes.
"Oh no! Did anyone else hear that?" asked Blueberry.

Suddenly, Pupcake and Custard burst out of the bushes.

"Looks like they didn't want to miss the fun, either!" said Mr. Longface.

As everyone gathered around the campfire, Strawberry said, "This wasn't just a spooky night, it was a berry great adventure!"

Strawberry Shortcake and her berry best friends are camping. Once everyone is snuggled around the campfire, Blueberry Muffin reads them a spooky story. But when the girls hear some strange noises, they wonder if it's their imaginations . . . or if something scary is hiding in the shadows!

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